

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 and 9-25 are pending.

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 1-7 and 9-13 stand rejected under 35 USC §101.

Claims 16-25 are allowed.

Claims 14 and 15 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

**Changes in the Claims:**

Claims 1-13 has been canceled.

Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the limitations recited in Claim 1.

**Rejection under 35 USC §112, first paragraph – claims 6 and 7**

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled. The present rejection is therefore moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection be withdrawn.

**Rejection under 35 USC §101 – claims 1-7, and 9-13**

Claims 1-7 and 9-13 stand rejected under 35 USC §101. Claims 1-7 and 9-13 have been canceled. The present rejection is therefore moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

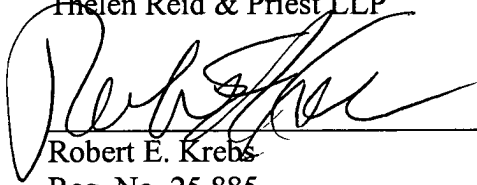
For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that the amended claims are now in proper form, and that the amended claims all define patentable subject matter over the prior art. Therefore, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

**Request for allowance**

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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